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Sir:


Applicant's timely response to a restriction requirement may have been misplaced within the Patent Office. At this time, the period for response has expired and Applicant is seeking redress. Applicant's response was mailed on January 8, and a return postcard, dated January 12, was received by Applicant on January 16 2004.

Please accept Applicant's Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment for Failure To Respond. Please accept Applicant's Petition to Accept a Copy of Correspondence Previously Submitted in Lieu of the Original.

On June 22, 2004 Applicant provided true copies of previously submitted materials, including: a true copy of the transmittal form, a true copy of Applicant's response to the restriction requirement, a true copy of the drawing amendment submitted, and a true color photocopy of both sides of the returned postcard received by Applicant on January 16,

On June 22, 2004, Applicant submitted this petition, which was inadvertently lacking Applicant's signature. The petition is herewith signed and resubmitted.

Very respectfully,

  
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